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Solicitation No. TIRNO-98-R-00003 dated October 23, 1997 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Revised proposals submitted in response to this amendment are due no later than August 5, 1998, 2:00 P.M. EST.
2. The below referenced pages are hereby revised and incorporated into solicitation No. TIRNO-98-R-00003:

Pages E-4, E-5 and E-18. These pages are hereby replaced in their entirety with the attached corresponding numbered replacement pages.

(b) Formal communications such as requests for clarification and/or information concerning this solicitation should be submitted in writing to:

Jim Shotwell, Contracting Officer
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
A/C (Procurement): Office of Information Systems Acquisition
Departmental Systems Branch M:P:I:D
Room 700, Constellation Centre
6009 Oxon Hill Road
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Any correspondence sent by electronic mail, should be sent to the following e-mail address: tda-3@ccmail.irs.gov or fax your request to the Contracting Officer at (202) 283-1533.

(c) No requests for clarification or comment will be provided in response to telephone calls. All such requests must be made in writing and faxed or mailed to the respective fax number or address above. This correspondence must be received by the Contracting Officer no later than November 24, 1997. Requests received after that date may not be responded to by the Government. Please refer to the specific text of the RFP in the following format:

Subject: RFP No. TIRNO-98-R-00003, TDA-3
Reference: RFP Section __, Paragraph(s) __, Page(s) __.

(d) Informal inquiries or comments concerning the solicitation should be directed to the following IRS Contract Specialist by telephone:

Kay P. Fridenstine (202) 283-1279
Electronic Mail address: Kay.Fridenstine@ccmail.irs.gov

E.2.2. PRE-PROPOSAL OFFEROR AND GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Offerors are afforded an opportunity to meet with the Government's contracting technical personnel by contacting either the IRS Contracting Officer or Contract Specialist identified above. Meetings will be limited to 1 hour. Offerors requesting a meeting must provide a written agenda at time of request, which may be faxed to (202) 283-1533. The purpose of the meeting is for each potential Offeror to directly communicate to the Government any specific, substantive questions, comments, or concerns on the RFP's specifications, terms and conditions, instructions, or evaluation criteria. The Government will not conduct any more meetings after December 5, 1997. All requests for such meetings shall be submitted no later than December 2, 1997, 4:00 P.M..

The Government will not provide potential Offerors with any interpretations or explanations during the meeting. Factual statements about the location in the RFP of particular information may be provided if, in the judgment of the Contracting Officer, this will aid the potential Offeror in its understanding of the RFP. If the Government considers it necessary to provide interpretations or explanations or to revise any of the contents of the RFP, it will issue an RFP Amendment to all potential Offerors on the RFP's mailing list.

E.2.3. SERVICE OF PROTEST (52.233-2) (AUG 1996)

(a) Protests, as defined in Section 33.101 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that are filed directly with an agency, and copies of any protests that are filed with the General Accounting Office (GAO), shall be served on the Contracting Officer (addressed as follows) by obtaining written and dated acknowledgment of receipt from:

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U.S. Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
A/C (Procurement): Departmental Systems Branch M:P:I:D
Room 700, Constellation Centre
6009 Oxon Hill Road
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Hand-carried protests shall be delivered to:

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(b) The copy of any protest shall be received in the office designated above within one day of filing a protest with the GAO.

E.2.4. INCURRING COSTS

The Contracting Officer is the only person who can legally obligate the Government for the expenditure of public funds. Costs shall not be incurred by recipients of the Solicitation Document in anticipation of receiving direct reimbursement from the Government.

(3) CLIN: CLINs have been assigned by the Government in accordance with the Section B-Contract Line Item Numbers (CLINs) and entered into the pricing spreadsheet. Each CLIN proposed must have a distinct product offered with a separate unit price.

(4) SUB-CLIN: The sub-CLINs have been assigned by the Government in accordance with the Section B, Contract Line Item Numbers (CLINs) and entered into the pricing spreadsheet, regarding the Applicability of the Buy American Act (BAA), North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Implementation Act, Balance of Payments Program (BOP) and other related trade agreement acts. The end products listing is a guideline only. See Section D of the RFP, Attachments 10 and 11 for the listing. Offerors should tailor this listing to identify the end products of its products of its proposed solution. If an end item is not listed, add a sub-CLIN and insert the country of origin using the exact same format. The SubCLINs totaled shall reflect the CLIN price. For TAA designated CLINs or subCLINs, the offeror should separately price all end products, if possible. However, for BAA or BOP designated CLINs or subCLINs, the offeror shall separately price those CLINs or subCLINs when proposing a foreign end product. This information is for evaluation purposes only and is necessary in order to evaluate the foreign products and to apply the appropriate differential when BAA or BOP applies. Failure to provide separate prices for subject CLINs or subCLINs will make the offer unacceptable.

(5) APPLICABLE ACT: For the Full and Open competitive portion, the Government has designated the applicability of either the Trade Agreement Act or Buy American Act for all end products. For the Small Business Set-Aside competitive portion, all CLINs and SubCLINs are subject to the Buy American Act. CLINs 0001-0006, 0018-0021, 0025, 0026, 0029 and 0040-0043 have been broken down even further to delineate applicable end products within a CLIN.

(6) COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: Offerors shall complete this column for each and every CLIN and sub-CLIN by listing the country of origin for each end product.

(7) DESCRIPTION: The description is the CLIN description as noted in Section B. This field is entered by the IRS.

(8) MODEL NO.: The model number shall consist of alpha-numeric characters only.

(9) MANUFACTURER/VENDOR: Self explanatory. The complete name of both the vendor or supplier and the manufacturer, if different, shall be inputted by the Offeror even if they exceed the cell width.